



Churchland High School

"Home of the Truckers"



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Mr. Shawn L. Millaci, Principal

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Dear Arts Academy Applicant,

The Arts Academy at Churchland High School offers unique opportunities for students who are interested in the visual arts, drama, dance, or music. The Arts Academy offers two tracks for students with an interest in the visual and performing arts. The Art Scholars track is for those students who are interested and highly motivated to study art history and create original work. The course work is carefully structured to maximize college preparation and career potential. New this year is a second track, which is designed for students who have an interest or demonstrate potential in visual or performing arts. Visual art classes address 2D and 3D design as well as ceramics, photography, graphic design and animation. The performing arts classes include vocal and instrumental music, dance, and drama. We anticipate new offerings in the coming year as all of our programs grow. Students enrolled in the Arts Academy are required to take at least one arts class per year and must maintain a 3.0 GPA in all arts classes.

Applications to take any classes that are part of The Arts Academy at Churchland High School are available to any Portsmouth student that will be in high school next fall. If you are zoned for another high school and are accepted into The Arts Academy at Churchland High School, you may receive a zone waiver and be provided transportation from your home to Churchland High School.

The application packet can be picked up from your middle school or high school guidance office the first week of April. Complete packets for all students should include the Arts Academy Application, a completed zone waiver form (if students are zoned for another high school), transcripts, discipline records, attendance records, and SOL scores. Students who are applying for the advanced Art Scholar's Program are recommended to also provide recommendation forms from two teachers that have taught you this school year, and a letter explaining why you would like to be a part of the Churchland High School Arts Academy. This letter must be typed or handwritten neatly, and contain at least three paragraphs.

Please return the completed packet of items to your guidance counselor by April 27th. Once the applications have been reviewed, you will be contacted by phone and a date will be set for your portfolio review, interview, or audition with the Churchland High School teachers in the discipline of your choice. For questions about visual arts, please contact Ms. Melanie Graham, and for questions about performing arts, please contact Ms. Robin Duncan at 686-2500.

Sincerely,

Shawn L. Millaci

Mr. Shawn L. Millaci, Principal
Churchland High School



The Arts Academy at Churchland High School Application Packet



Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Circle the appropriate content area:

Dance Drama Chorus Band Orchestra Visual Arts

Directions: Check off each item to be sure that you have included each as a part of your complete application packet. Submit an envelope with all required items to the guidance counselor in your school by **April 27th, 2018, so that they can be in our office no later than May 4th**. If you are applying from an outside institution, you can deliver this packet to the main office at Churchland High School no later than May 4th.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Letter (Optional) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zone Waiver Form (if not zoned for CHS) | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher of Recommendation 1 (Optional) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transcript | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher of Recommendation 2 (Optional) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discipline Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Art Portfolio (Optional—Bring to Interview) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attendance Record | <input type="checkbox"/> Music Resume (Optional—Bring to Audition) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOL Scores | |

Admin Only:

- Interview Conducted On _____
- Acceptance Letters Mailed On _____
- Acceptance Slip Returned On _____
- Denial Letter Mailed On _____



The Arts Academy at Churchland High School

Application



Please print

Date: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Number: _____ Current Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Address, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: (home) _____

(cell) _____

Email: _____

Gender: (circle one) male female

Zoned High School: _____

Nearest Cross Streets to Your Home Address: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____



The Arts Academy at Churchland High School



How to Prepare for the Next Step

You have applied to The Arts Academy at Churchland High School, to become part of the Arts Academy in Dance, Drama, Music, or the Visual Arts. What comes next?

The teachers in the department of your interest will review your application and make an appointment to meet with you. Below we have listed some things that will help make your audition, interview or portfolio reviews go smoothly.

Dance: Audition

- Come prepared to do a Ballet warm-up, led by a Dance professional, along with a Lyrical/Modern and Jazz combination.
- Come dressed in dance attire (if you already own it – for example: leotard, tights, dance shorts, etc.) or form fitting comfortable clothes that allow “clean lines” of the body be seen as you perform. Absolutely no jeans, skirts, hats, jewelry, or baggy clothes are permitted. The students may wear socks but be prepared to dance barefoot upon the instructor’s request. Hair must always be secured away from the face.
- Come prepared to answer interview questions about you as an individual, your dance background, and expectations in the dance program at Churchland High School. If you would like to submit a compilation video-tape/DVD of your previous performances please feel free to do so at the time of auditions.
- At the end of the auditioning and interviewing process, the instructor will be more than happy to answer any questions the parents and/or students may have about the program.

Drama: Audition

- Come prepared to deliver a student chosen monologue. Please have your monologue memorized if possible.
- Come dressed comfortably so that you are able to fulfill the expectations of the improvisation exercise.
- You will be given a cold reading script to perform.
- Come prepared to answer interview questions about you, your expectations, and acting/theatre background. Resumes and headshots are accepted if available. If you have video tapes of your performances or a video resume that too may be reviewed the day of your interview if you choose to bring one with you.

Music: Audition

- Prepare two contrasting music selections.
- Be prepared to play or sing appropriate scales and vocalize and/or other technical exercises, depending on your readiness level.
- Be prepared to take a short written and aural theory and sight reading/ear training examination as a part of the application process. Information obtained from the result will be used to determine your music theory and sight reading/ear training competence level and will assist with your placement into the Arts Academy Music Program.
- (Optional) Bring a music resume' listing all of your music experience thus far. (ex. District Chorus, Band or Orchestra, All-City, Church music experience, solos, or musicals)

Instrumentalists

1. Be prepared to perform two contrasting music selections on your instrument.
2. One of the selections must be classical in style. The other selection may be a popular composition to include Broadway tunes and pop standards. Original music selections (music that you generate or make up) will not be acceptable.
3. Music selections do not have to be memorized and may be performed without accompaniment.
4. Bring two copies of the music that will be performed.
5. A taped accompaniment is acceptable, if available.

Vocalists

1. Be prepared to sing two contrasting music selections.
2. One of the selections must be classical repertoire.
3. Music selections do not have to be memorized.
4. Bring two copies of the music that will be performed.
5. You may bring an accompanist, or taped accompaniment is acceptable, if available.

Visual Arts:

Portfolio review is required for Art Scholars; Optional for Arts Academy

- Gather no more than 10-15 examples of your best artwork (mats and frames are never necessary). If the art is 3-D, photos travel much more easily than large sculptures. Bring your sketchbook, too.
- Think about your future and what you want out of life. What do you expect from your experience here at Churchland High School?
- Choose an ordinary household object and draw it from **five different** points of view; help us see it the way you do. This is your chance to show us what you know and how you think.
- During the interview relax. This is a casual conversation designed to help us get to know you a little. The portfolio review is student-centered and may last 30 minutes. We always enjoy meeting parents and guardians. A waiting area will be provided for you and we will answer any questions that you may have after the interview.
- Please be on time. If there is an unavoidable conflict please contact the school as soon as you are able. If you have any questions please feel free to call 686-2500 and leave a message to speak with Ms. Cosumano or Ms. Graham. We look forward to meeting with you soon!

Date: _____

Teacher's Recommendation for The Arts Academy at Churchland High School
(Optional; Required for Art Scholars)

Recommendations may be made by a teacher familiar with your artistic talent, which may include private instructors, and another teacher in any other subject area.

Student's Name: _____

Based upon your experience with the student, please use a scale of 1 (the lowest score) to 5 (the highest score) to indicate their performance in the following areas in your class this year.

Listening and following directions	1	2	3	4	5
Organization	1	2	3	4	5
Time management	1	2	3	4	5
Accepting suggestions and criticism	1	2	3	4	5
Intellectual curiosity	1	2	3	4	5
Attendance	1	2	3	4	5
Academic performance	1	2	3	4	5
Behavior, self-discipline	1	2	3	4	5

In the space below make any additional comments that you believe should be considered in assessing this student's potential for success as an art scholar in The Arts Academy at Churchland High School.

Please circle the response below that represents your recommendation.

- **Recommended without reservation**
- **Recommended with reservation**
- **Not recommended**

Signature: _____

Content Area: _____

Seal your recommendation in the envelope provided and return to the student.

Date: _____

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Portsmouth Public Schools

Zone Change Request

The Arts Academy at Churchland High School

Secondary: Beginning _____ Term of _____ School Year

Please complete the following information and **return this form to the school of the program** you are requesting.
Please type or PRINT CLEARLY using dark ink.

Student's Name _____ DOB _____

Grade Level for this School Year _____ Student's Zoned School _____

School Student Is Now Attending _____

Out-of-Zone School Requested **Churchland High School**

Reason for Request _____
(Continued on Back, or may attach letter)

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Parent/Guardian's Address _____

Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

I understand that transportation **will be** provided if this request is approved. I understand that a zone change is approved for a minimum of one term at a time, but may be continued from year to year. I also understand that this request may be rejected for one or more of the following reasons: insufficient space, inappropriate behavior, or unsatisfactory academic progress. **I am aware that a zone change may not be made for athletic purposes and that a student may not participate in a Virginia High School League-sponsored event until he/she has sat out 365 consecutive calendar days following enrollment in that school.** [Exception: students entering ninth grade within 15 days of school opening are eligible immediately.]

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Official Use Only

Student Number _____ (Required) Address Verified? Yes No

Arts Program _____

Arts Department Chair Recommendation

Signature of Arts Department Chair _____ Date _____

Principal's Decision: Approved Denied

Reason for Denial _____

Principal's Signature _____ Date _____

NOTE: A copy of each *approved* Arts Academy Zone Change Request Form should be sent to Information Technology, located in the School Board offices. Parents whose requests are denied should be notified of the appeal procedure.

